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SMGH Foundation
Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital

Susan McLean, CEO, SMGHF and Janet Grantham, Chair, Board of Directors

## Our Hospital. Our Community.

In 2016 we continued to develop revenue generating projects and operational efficiencies through the Foundation's social enterprise and business endeavours. These funds were used to purchase much needed patient care equipment and to offset the operational costs of the Foundation.

On behalf of the Board, staff, and our partners, our heartfelt thank you to our donors, corporate sponsors, volunteers and community partners. From a young boy who donated his birthday money to the many groups of community volunteers, to our monthly and legacy donors, your donations have helped support many patient care programs at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH) over the past year.

Every gift we received supports our local hospital. Whether your gift funded patient care equipment like the new portable ultrasound in the Emergency Department, the refurbishment of a private patient room or the purchase of orthopaedic surgical equipment in the Operating Rooms, every gift supports our community.

A special thank you to our volunteers who work in the Foundation office and to our Board and Committee members who have given so much of their time and talent.

What's ahead? As the Board launches new Strategic and Campaign Plans that will guide the Foundation in the future, we look forward to continuing to work with the wonderful donors and supporters in our community to provide much needed equipment and programs for SMGH.

Linda Peters, President and Pam Hillis, Past President of SMGH Auxiliary

## Over 100 Years of Volunteer Commitment.

The year was 1914, the country was on the brink of war, soft drinks were five cents each, stainless steel hadn't been invented yet and Strathroy saw the opening of their first hospital and with this opening, the creation of the Auxiliary. Their first fundraising priority was to purchase 20 egg beaters, six footstools, pillow cases and army blankets for the patients of the new hospital.

Fast forward to today. With a pledge of $1 million in 2009, the Auxiliary is still giving back to the hospital with the recent purchases of an Operating Room Table, Autoclave and Operating Room LED Lights. "We have always filled a void," Linda shares, "our volunteers work at the Java Hut and Gift Shop, they have bake sales and sell raffle tickets in our community, with all proceeds going towards the purchase of new equipment for the hospital."

Recently the Auxiliary partnered with Community Living in Strathroy who help staff the Java Hut and provide volunteers for various functions at the hospital. "We want to be inclusive and the involvement of Community Living adds value to their volunteer experience as well as the goals of the Auxiliary." says Linda.

"We are so lucky to have such an amazing hospital right here in our community," shares Pam, "I was born at the hospital across the street, had my tonsils taken out and my broken leg fixed and now my grandchildren and great-grandchildren have been cared for at this hospital. It is so important that our community continues to support the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation (SMGHF), so they can purchase much needed equipment to ensure the best health care for future generations."

*"In the recovery room after my meniscus surgery, I watched with such admiration the care and compassion of the nurses and doctors attending to a dementia patient who had been admitted with a broken hip."*

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Deb Allison, former SMGH patient

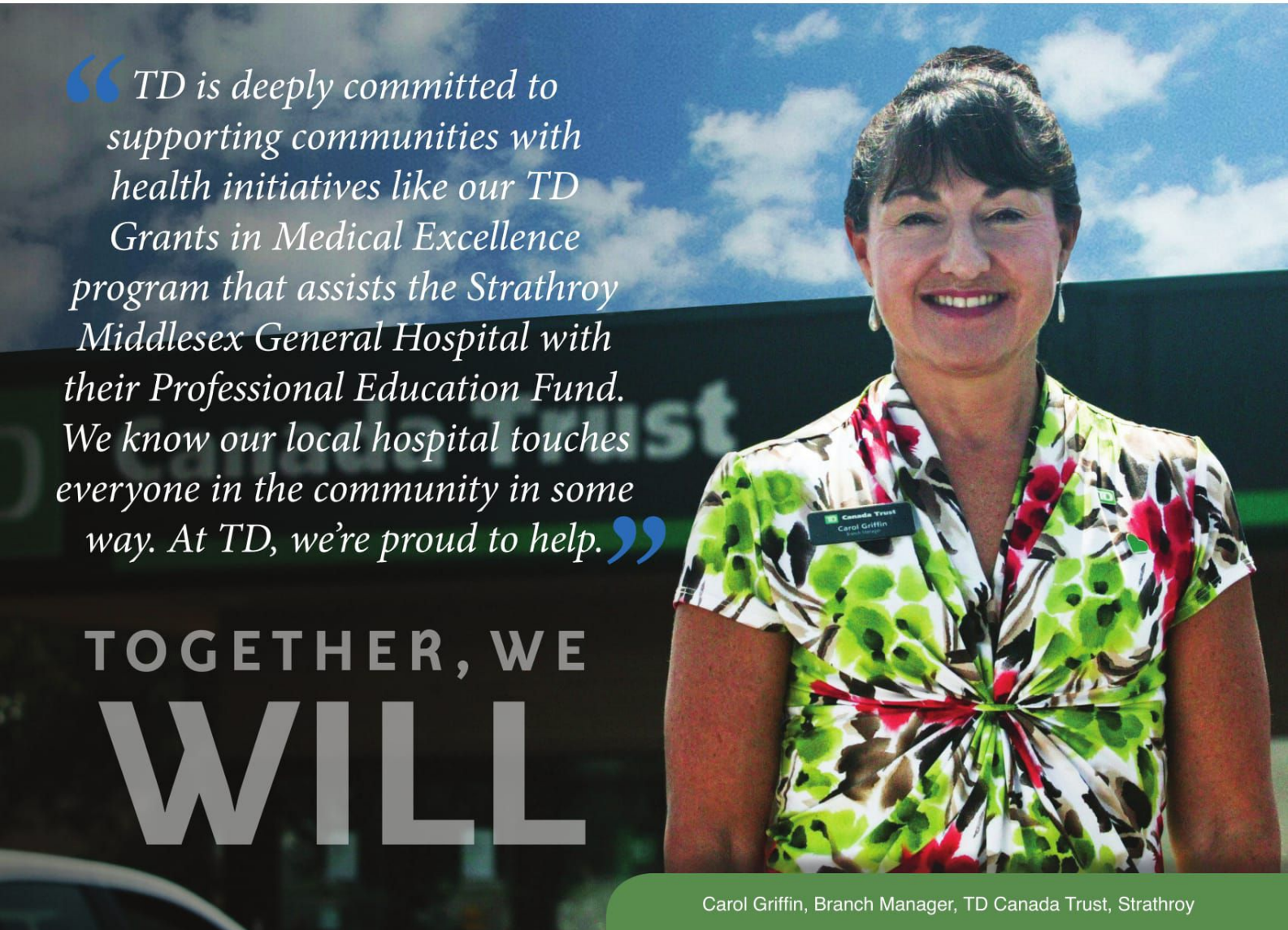
## The Ups And Downs of a Healthy Lifestyle.

From an early age Deb has always been very athletic, but unfortunately she has also been very injury prone. When she was six years old she took her first trip to the Emergency Department after running out in front of an oncoming car. "I was in a full body cast for six weeks after the accident," shares Deb, "I can recall watching television for hours, but longing to play with my friends outside." As a teenager Deb participated in many sports and during these activities she tore her ACL and dislocated her knee cap.

Deb recently started playing soccer in Komoka – but the injuries continued. Much to her frustration she tore her meniscus during her third soccer game. "I was in so much pain. I asked my family doctor where I could get my surgery done quickly, and she suggested Strathroy." says Deb, and that's when she met Dr. Chant. "I was so worried, but he put my mind at ease, explaining what to expect during and after surgery." Unfortunately Dr. Chant also told Deb that she would have to give up soccer.

Deb's fiancée then introduced her to cycling and she soon set a new goal, to ride in *RagBrai*, a seven day, 700 kilometer tour across Iowa. She was two months into her training when the unthinkable happened, she was involved in a bike accident. "I was taken to the SMGH Emergency, where they found a hairline fracture in my elbow," shares Deb. "My arm was immediately put into a cast and I returned home where I continued my training indoors."

"I am happy to say I made it to Iowa and rode in *RagBrai*. It was the most amazing accomplishment of my life, thanks to SMGH and Dr. Chant."




Carol Griffin, Branch Manager, TD Canada Trust, Strathroy

## A Shining Example of Our Community Partners.

In 2016 Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation established the Medical Professional Education Grants for SMGH physicians and staff. These grants were made possible due to generous contributions from the TD Grants in Medical Excellence and The Mary Wright Medical Professional Education Endowment. For the next five years SMGHF will grant $10,000 to SMGH physicians and other medical professionals who are successful in applying for the continuing education grant.

The first recipient of the grant was SMGH Emergency Department Physician Dr. Daniel Grushka. The successful application covered his attendance to the Canadian Emergency Ultrasound “EDE (Emergency Department Echo) Bootcamp.” At Bootcamp, Dr. Grushka earned his Canadian Emergency Ultrasound Society’s designation of Independent Practitioner (IP), which is the most widely acknowledged certificate for point-of-care ultrasound in emergency departments across Canada.

The course focused on 4 major areas: cardiac, obstetrical, abdominal and aortic ultrasound. The development of proficiency in these areas aids the emergency room physician in making timely diagnoses that can have huge effects on patient outcomes and care.

“We are very grateful for the support of TD Canada Trust and their Grants in Medical Excellence program.” says Susan McLean, SMGHF CEO. “These grants will benefit the nurses, doctors and caregivers working in our community hospital to provide quality health care services to their patients.”

Dr. Daniel H. Grushka, BSc., MSc., MD, CCFP(EM)
Emergency Medicine Physician, Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital

## Many Years of Growth in Strathroy.

“One of the many reasons I decided to work at the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH) 9 years ago, was the doctors’, nurses’ and the hospital leadership team’s optimistic vision towards the future.” says Dr. Grushka.

In 2008, when Dr. Grushka first arrived at SMGH, diagnostic imaging and labwork were not available past midnight. Now SMGH has an ultra-modern Emergency Department (ED), created a Green Zone, where patients with minor or less urgent symptoms are directed and invested in new technologies that have decreased their time in the ED and improved the patient experience.

The addition of the portable ultrasound machine, which is used at the bedside in the ED, has also improved the care provided to our patients. “With this new technology and equipment, along with a large team of highly trained doctors and nurses, our patients receive more personalized care and shorter wait times.” shares Dr. Grushka.

In 2016, Dr. Grushka was the first recipient of the SMGH Foundation’s Medical Professional Education Grant and received his Canadian Emergency Ultrasound Society Independent Practitioner designation. One of the reasons for this ultrasound training was to give Dr. Grushka the skills to train students and residents at SMGH in the hopes that they would further their careers in emergency medicine.

Dr. Grushka wants patients to be aware that “at SMGH we have a state-of-the-art Emergency Department run by a dedicated group of nurses, doctors and allied health care professionals, as well as a large group of consulting medical and surgical subspecialities that our patients can be referred to for ongoing care. For a community this size, the services and health care professionals are absolutely incredible, allowing patients to be treated in a timely manner, using current technologies and evidence-based, patient-centered medicine close to their homes.”

# Financials

## The Impact of your Donation

We thank our donors for helping us deliver quality health care close to home. Without donor support, we couldn't do what we do.

Donations to the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation have a direct and immediate impact on the services and programs provided by the hospital. Every year, health care professionals within the hospital deliberate over what equipment is needed the most.

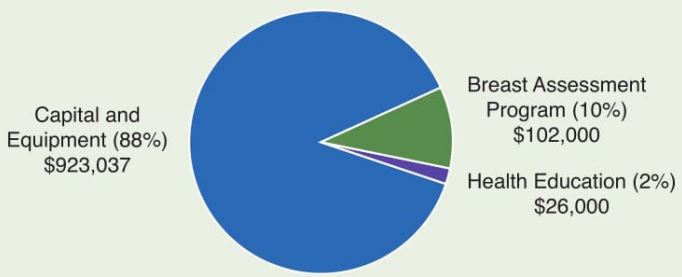
This past year, donations have helped us to lease, purchase and support the following medical equipment, health care education and programs.

**Equipment ($923,037):**
Fluoroscopy
Endoscopy Scopes and Washer
Ultrasound
Operating Room Doors
Information Technology
Grounding Pads (OR)
Pain Management Pumps
Lobby Furniture
Patient Beds
Stretchers
Vital Signs Monitors
Wheelchairs
Patient Lift
Ventilators
3D Scope Monitor
Surgical Day Care Waiting Room Furniture
Hospital Security System
Microscope
Automated Drug Dispensing Cabinet
Clinical Cart
DIRTT Headwall Project

**Health Care Education ($26,000):**
Hospital Education Transfer
Ultrasound training for ER (TD Canada Trust Grant)

**Programs ($102,000):**
Diabetes Education
Breast Assessment Program

Investments in Health Care $1,048,037

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